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LETTER DATED 28 DECEMBER 1999 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 751 (1992) CONCERNING SOMALIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia (see annex), which was adopted by the Committee under the no-objection procedure on 28 December 1999 and is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

(Signed) Jassim Mohammed BUALLAY
Chairman
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 751 (1992)
concerning Somalia

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia covers the period from January to December 1999.

2. A report of the Committee covering its activities from January to December 1998 was submitted to the Security Council on 28 December 1998 (S/1998/1226).

II. SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

3. For 1999 the bureau consists of Mr. Jassim Mohammed Buallay (Bahrain) as Chairman, with the delegations of the Gambia and the Netherlands providing the two Vice-Chairmen.

4. On 12 May 1999, the Committee approved, on a no-objection basis, a request from Denmark regarding importation of explosives for a humanitarian demining project in north-west Somalia.

5. In two statements by the President of the Security Council (S/PRST/1999/16 of 27 May 1999 and S/PRST/1999/31 of 12 November 1999), the Council expressed deep concern at recent reports of the illicit delivery of weapons and military equipment to Somalia, in violation of the arms embargo imposed by the Council in its resolution 733 (1992), which could exacerbate the crisis in Somalia and endanger the peace and security of the region as a whole. The Council further reiterated its call upon States to observe the arms embargo and requested Member States having information on violations of the provisions of resolution 733 (1992) to provide the Committee with that information.

6. The Committee held its 15th meeting on 20 December 1999 to exchange ideas on effective implementation of the arms embargo against Somalia and on strengthening the work of the Committee. The Committee viewed the effective implementation of the sanctions regime, particularly in the light of the Djibouti initiative, as more necessary than ever to underline the firm commitment of the international community to establishing a lasting peace in Somalia.

7. In that connection, the Committee also considered several proposals made at the meeting and requested the outgoing Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Jassim Mohammed Buallay of Bahrain, to brief the incoming Chairman, to be elected in January 2000, on those proposals for subsequent action by the Committee.

III. OBSERVATIONS

8. The Committee does not have any specific monitoring mechanism to ensure the effective implementation of the arms embargo and would like to recall its previous observations that it relies solely on the cooperation of States and organizations in a position to provide information on violations of the arms embargo.